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NIGC Announces Tribal Consultation Scheduled for April

Washington, DC March 20, 2012 — The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC/Commission) announced today that it has scheduled a consultation on April 5, 2012 in San Diego, CA as part of its Regulatory Review. The consultation will be held after the National Indian Gaming Association's Annual Conference.

The Commission's regulatory review process has included meaningful consultation with Tribes and extensive outreach to the public to foster well-informed decision making. NIGC recently posted two discussion drafts, [Part 543 – Minimum Internal Control Standards for Class II Gaming](#); and [Part 547– Minimum Technical Standards for Gaming Equipment Used with the play of Class II Games](#). These discussion drafts were developed based on input from Tribes, NIGC staff and a Tribal Advisory Committee. Both discussion drafts have a public comment deadline of April 16, 2012. After receiving public comment, the Commission will consider whether to move forward with a proposed rule. The April consultation is an opportunity for Tribes to provide the Commission with substantive input on the discussion drafts.

The Commission invites all Tribal leaders and their designees to share their views with the Commission. The consultation will be held at:

San Diego Convention Center
111 W. Harbor Dr.
San Diego, CA 92101
Room 5 AB

The Tribal consultation on April 5, 2012 will include a discussion of the following regulations:

Group 1:

(a) *Part 542* Minimum Internal Control Standards for Class III Gaming

Group 3:

(a) *Part 543* – Minimum Internal Control Standards for Class II Gaming; and

(b) *Part 547*– Minimum Technical Standards for Gaming Equipment
Used with the Play of Class II Games.

For planning purposes and to accommodate all who wish to attend the consultation, please RSVP to Rita Homa, Executive Secretary, at (202) 418-9807 or by e-mail at consultation.rsvp@nigc.gov.

For those Tribal leaders or designees unable to attend this consultation, we invite you to submit written comments by e-mail to reg.review@nigc.gov, or by US Mail to the National Indian Gaming Commission, Attn: Regulatory Review, 1441 L Street, NW, Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005.

Consistent with its commitment to transparency, the Commission will continue to consult with tribal governments throughout the regulatory review process. All information related to this review process can be found on our website at www.nigc.gov, then click on the Tribal Consultation tab on the left side of the website.

The NIGC is an independent regulatory agency established within the Department of the Interior pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988.

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